

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on July 12, 2011 at the Wethersfield Town Hall, Town Manager's Conference Room – First Floor, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Members Present: Robert Garrey, Chairperson  
John Maycock, Vice Chairperson  
Michael Rell  
Cynthia Greenblatt  
Mark Raymond, Alternate  
Lisa Wurzer, Alternate  
Susan Gillanders, Alternate

Members Absent: Bette Botticello

Also Present: Kristin Stearley, Historic District Coordinator  
Linda Messina, Recording Secretary

Commissioner Garrey called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, and read the opening comments. Commissioner Maycock, Acting Clerk, read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the *Rare Reminder* on June 30, 2011.

**APPLICATION NO. 3952-11.** Paul and Clare Meade seeking to demolish and rebuild the barn on the existing footprint at 373 Main Street.

Clare Meade, 373 Main Street, appeared before the Commission. She would like to demolish and rebuild the barn on the existing footprint to the same exterior wall height and roof pitch. The exterior sheeting will be barn board in random widths. The roof shingles will match the house roofing. On the north façade (facing State Street), she will reuse the existing windows and the barn opening will match the existing and duplicate it exactly. On the west and east façade, she will use Brosco true divided light wood windows in a 6/6 light pattern. The doors will be barn board using the existing hinges and hardware from the original barn. The doors are to grade and there will be no steps. The trim will be wood. There will be no gutters.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application.

Martha Koehler, 21 State Street, spoke in favor of the application via written correspondence dated July 12, 2011.

Walter H. Mayo and Anne Mayo, 38 Knott Street, spoke in favor of the application via written correspondence.

Amalie and Robert Montstream, 357 Garden Street, spoke in favor of the application.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone else wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

**APPLICATION NO. 3953-11.** Paul and Clare Meade seeking to install a 4' aluminum and 6' wood fence to enclose an in-ground pool at 373 Main Street.

Clare Meade, 373 Main Street, appeared before the Commission. She would like to install a 6' tall flat board wood fence with a beveled cap running parallel to State Street. This fence will match the existing fence on the south side of the property. The rest of the fence that goes around the back part of the yard will be a 4' tall black aluminum two rail fence. A drawing was submitted. Most of the aluminum fence is far enough back in the yard that it is not visible. There is an existing fence that is an open lattice design behind the garden. The gates will be black aluminum. The nice side of the fence will face out.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

**APPLICATION NO. 3954-11.** Drew Sanborn and Margaret Lindsey seeking to remove the existing wrought iron column and railing and replace the column with a composite column at 55 Hartford Avenue.

Mike Lewinsky, of Middletown, appeared before the Commission. The homeowner would like to remove the existing aluminum rail and post and replace the post with a round, tapered, fiberglass 8" column. The railing will not be replaced.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

**APPLICATION NO. 3956-11.** Rose and Ray Riley seeking to replace the door on the east side of the house that enters the cellar at 108 Church Street.

Rose and Ray Riley, 108 Church Street, appeared before the Commission. They would like to replace the existing cellar door with a fiberglass door. They would like to use a Therma-Tru door with vertical panels and the same lights as existing. They will leave or replicate the existing wood trim around the door.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application.

Amalie Montstream, 357 Garden Street, spoke in favor of the application.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone else wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

**APPLICATION NO. 3957-11.** The Wethersfield Village Improvement Association of 150 Main Street seeking to install a 6' park bench on property located at 220 Hartford Avenue.

Robert Garrey, 10 Morrison Avenue, appeared before the Commission. The Wethersfield Village Improvement Association will donate a bench to the town in memory of Robbins Barstow. It is a 6' green bench. It will be placed to the right of the Cove Park sign on Hartford Avenue. It will be near the sidewalk but facing the water. It will have a center plaque dedicated to Robbins Barstow.

Commissioner Maycock asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

**APPLICATION NO. 3958-11.** Michael Joyce seeking to amend application number 3842-10 to modify the rear porch design at 13 Avalon Place.

Kim Joyce, 13 Avalon Place, appeared before the Commission. The original plans called for a 2' overhang on the back entry of the house. She is now proposing a 6' x 8' covered porch which will match the detail of the front porch. The proposed porch will step down on three sides and the columns will be square and tapered from the top to bottom using painted wood materials. The ceiling of the porch will be open and finished with bead board. The materials will be wood, except for the decking material which will be composite. The material color will be gray with a wood grain finish. The existing concrete stairs will be removed.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock seconded by Commissioner Rell, and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to close the public hearing on all other applications and open the public meeting.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Rell, Greenblatt, Wurzer

**APPLICATION NO. 3952-11.** Paul and Clare Meade seeking to demolish and rebuild the barn on the existing footprint at 373 Main Street.

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner Rell a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

**Discussion**

Commissioner Maycock stated that pretty much everything was presented in the pre-application meeting. It is a nice barn and will replicate the original as much as possible.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Rell, Greenblatt, Wurzer

**APPLICATION NO. 3953-11.** Paul and Clare Meade seeking to install a 4' aluminum and 6' wood fence to enclose an in-ground pool at 373 Main Street.

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner Garrey and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

**Discussion**

Commissioner Maycock stated that the only concern he had was the mixed use of materials, but it's set back far enough, so there is very little visibility.

Commissioner Greenblatt expressed concern for using 4' of aluminum fence on one side and 6' of wood fence on the other side.

Commissioner Garrey stated that all you really see is the State Street side and the barn is so massive so you won't notice the transition pieces.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Rell, Greenblatt, Wurzer

**APPLICATION NO. 3954-11.** Drew Sanborn and Margaret Lindsey seeking to remove the existing wrought iron column and railing and replace the column with a composite column at 55 Hartford Avenue.

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner Rell and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

**Discussion**

Commissioner Maycock stated that this is pretty simple. He thinks the column will look nicer. There is no issue removing the railing.

Commissioner Garrey stated that he thought that there would be a requirement to have a railing with two steps but the requirement is for anything over 30" tall.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Rell, Greenblatt, Wurzer

**APPLICATION NO. 3956-11.** Rose and Ray Riley seeking to replace the door on the east side of the house that enters the cellar at 108 Church Street.

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner Rell and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application with the following stipulation:

1. The trim around the door shall be wood to match the existing.

**Discussion**

Commissioner Maycock stated that he normally doesn't like fiberglass doors, but this is far enough to the rear of the house that you won't even see it. Usually when you paint it, you can't tell anyway.

Commissioner Garrey stated that as long as a fiberglass door isn't right in your face, when painted you won't really notice the difference in materials. The style is a good style for the house. He doesn't think there is a door manufactured with lateral panels available in an artificial material. This door is to the back of the property.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Rell, Greenblatt, Wurzer

**APPLICATION NO. 3957-11.** The Wethersfield Village Improvement Association of 150 Main Street seeking to install a 6' park bench on property located at 220 Hartford Avenue.

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner Greenblatt and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

**Discussion**

Commissioner Maycock stated that this is pretty straightforward.

Aye: Maycock, Rell, Greenblatt, Wurzer                      ABSTAIN: Garrey

**APPLICATION NO. 3958-11.** Michael Joyce seeking to amend application number 3842-10 to modify the rear porch design at 13 Avalon Place.

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner Wurzer and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

**Discussion**

Commissioner Maycock stated that this is excellent in keeping with what's either been done or proposed there. He likes it better than what the original was.

Commissioner Garrey stated that he likes the design a lot.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Rell, Greenblatt, Wurzer

**MINUTES OF JUNE 28, 2011**

Upon motion by Commissioner Garrey, seconded by Commissioner Maycock and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the minutes of the June 28, 2011 meeting as submitted.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Rell, Greenblatt, Wurzer

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner Rell and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to nominate Robert Garrey as Chairperson for 2011-2012.

Aye: Maycock, Rell, Greenblatt, Wurzer, Raymond, Gillanders                      ABSTAIN: Garrey

Upon motion by Commissioner Garrey, seconded by Commissioner Raymond and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to nominate Bette Botticello as Clerk for 2011-2012.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Rell, Greenblatt, Wurzer, Raymond, Gillanders

Upon motion by Commissioner Garrey, seconded by Commissioner Maycock and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to nominate Michael Rell as Vice Chairperson for 2011-2012.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Greenblatt, Wurzer, Raymond, Gillanders                      ABSTAIN: Rell

**Public comments on general matters of the Historic District**

None.

**Report of the Historic District Coordinator**

Welcome to our newest member, Cynthia Greenblatt.

**Correspondence**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner Rell and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Rell, Greenblatt, Wurzer

Respectfully Submitted

TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

John Maycock  
Clerk